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SUBJ: ISRAELI PRESS ON FOREIGN MINISTER RIFAI'S TALKS IN
WASHINGTON AND PROSPECTS FOR JORDAN/ISRAEL NEGOTIATIONS

1. SUMMARY. ISRAELI PRESS AUGUST 11/12 REPORTED FM RIFAI'S
TALKS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AS INDICATING POSSIBILITIES OF
COMPROMISE IN ISRAELI/JORDANIAN POSITIONS ON PEACE NEGOTIATIONS,
WITH SHAPE OF NEGOTIATIONS TO AWAIT FURTHER TALKS
BETWEEN US, ARAB AND ISRAELI OFFICIALS. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO YEDIOT AUGUST 11, SECRETARY KISSINGER HINTED
TO AMBASSADOR DINITZ THAT JORDAN WAS READY TO ENTER PARTIAL
SETTLEMENT TALKS WITH ISRAEL. YEDIOT REPORTED THAT RIFAI HAS
SHOWN AN "OPENING" REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL
WHICH WOULD NOT INVOLVE A PRIOR ISRAELI UNDERTAKING TO WITHDRAW
FROM JORDAN RIVER LINE. YEDIOT STATES, "IT IS ASSUMED THAT A
SOFTENING TOOK PLACE IN THE JORDANIAN POSITION AS A RESULT OF
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KISSINGER'S PERSUASIONS."

3. DAVAR'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT BARNEA AUGUST 11 REPORTED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER PROPOSED TO RIFAI A PARTIAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM JORDAN RIVER. DAVAR CLAIMS RIFAI WAS CONVINCED THAT JORDANIAN DEMAND FOR TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM JORDAN VALLEY HAS NO CHANCE, WHILE HE REJECTED ISRAELI APPROACH GIVING JORDAN ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY IN WEST BANK. BARNEA ADDED THAT STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES SAID RIFAI INSISTED ON A PARTIAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IN AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT, EVEN IF IT MEANS ELECTION IN ISRAEL AND POSTPONEMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SETTLEMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

4. JERUSALEM POST (BLITZER) AUGUST 11 REPORTED THAT DESPITE GAPS BETWEEN ISRAELI AND JORDANIAN VIEWS, THERE IS NOW AN OPENING WHICH MIGHT BE EXPLOITED TO ACHIEVE EASY AGREEMENT, WITH RIFAI CONCURRING ON PARTIAL RATHER THAN FULL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ALONG JORDAN RIVER.

5. COMMENTING IN YEDOT AUGUST 12, GUINNESS STATED THAT RIFAI IN HIS WASHINGTON TALKS HAS SHOWN SIGNS OF FLEXIBILITY. ACCORDING TO GUINNESS: "THE JORDANIAN PRIME MINISTER HAS REJECTED THE IDEA OF AN 'ADMINISTRATIVE' SETTLEMENT, BUT HE DID NOT REPEAT THE DEMAND THAT ISRAEL HAS TO WITHDRAW 10 - 15 KMS FROM THE RIVER JORDAN. HE LEFT THE DOOR OPEN FOR A PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL ALONG THE JERICHO LINE, WITH THE TOWN ITSELF PASSING INTO JORDANIAN HANDS. THAT LINE MAY BE CONVENIENT FOR ISRAEL BECAUSE IT DOES NOT INVOLVE A WITHDRAWAL FROM SETTLEMENTS, AND IT ALSO, IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, 'TAKES INTO ACCOUNT' THE ALLON PLAN".

6. HATZOFI EDITORIAL AUGUST 12 URGES GOVERNMENT NOT TO AGREE TO PARTIAL SETTLEMENT WITH JORDAN AND TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO WASHINGTON THAT IT IS NOT INTERESTED IN KISSINGER'S COMPROMISE PROPOSALS.

7. JERUSALEM POST AUGUST 12, BASED ON FM ALLON'S REPORT TO CABINET, STRESSED THAT FUTURE SHAPE OF TALKS WITH JORDAN MUST AWAIT OUTCOME OF SECRETARY'S TALKS WITH KING HUSSEIN AND FM FAHMY, PLUS ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS WITH ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES. WHILE JERUSALEM OBSERVERS DISAGREE ON WHETHER WASHINGTON EXPECTS JORDAN OR ISRAEL TO COME UP WITH NEW PROPOSALS AS

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BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS, THEY SEE NO PRESSURE ON ISRAEL UNTIL IT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY WASHINGTON OF RESULTS OF TALKS WITH JORDAN AND EGYPT. PRELIMINARY PROCESS OF "CLARIFYING POSITIONS" IS THUS EXPECTED TO EXTEND INTO LATE SUMMER.
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